## New Jersey Department of Agriculture



## **Organic Certification Program**

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## **Producer Fee Schedule**

| Farm Gross Income (from certified organic products) | First Time Applicant Fee                                 | Annual Update Fee  |
|---|--|--|
| 0 to \$4,999  | \$285  | \$235  |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                                  | \$385  | \$335  |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999                                | \$410  | \$360  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999                                | \$435  | \$385  |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                                | \$460  | \$410  |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999                              | \$510  | \$460  |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999                              | \$560  | \$510  |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999                              | \$635  | \$585  |
| \$250,000 to \$299,999                              | \$710  | \$660  |
| \$300,000 to \$399,999                              | \$785  | \$735  |
| \$400,000 to \$499,999                              | \$885  | \$835  |
| \$500,000 to \$749,999                              | \$1010   | \$960  |
| \$750,000 to \$999,999                              | \$1,210  | \$1160   |
| over \$999,999                                      | \$1,210 + .25 % of gross organic sales<br>over \$999,999 | \$1,210 + .25 % of gross organic sales<br>over \$999,999 |

**Additional Charges (if applicable):** 

Late Fees: Updates postmarked after the due date set for the operation should include \$75.00 with payment.

NOTE: Basic inspection charges are included with fees above. Applicants and updating operations may be invoiced for the following charges if applicable. Do not include payment for these charges with your application or update fee; a separate invoice will be sent.

<u>Inspection Cancellation Fee</u>: If a scheduled inspection is cancelled by the applicant less than 48 hours in advance, a \$50.00 cancellation fee plus mileage charges, tolls, and inspector driving time (at \$25.00 per hour).

A Returned Check Fee: of \$25.00 will be charged for all returned checks.

Dairy Operation Fee: \$150.00 for all dairy operations with 10 or more animals producing salable organic product.

<u>Livestock Fee</u>: not to exceed \$50.00 per species for each species seeking certification.

<u>On-Farm Processing Fee</u>: Producers doing value added products may qualify for On-Farm Processing certification. Additional inspection charges may apply, but will be lower than charges for a separate Handling certification. Please call the Supervisor for an On-Farm Processing form if needed.

Additional Site Fees: \$40.00 per each additional organic production area will be assessed if site is within ten miles of the main operation. If additional sites are greater than ten miles, \$25.00 per hour driving time will be added to the additional site fee. Driving time will be charged in increments of one quarter of an hour and rounded off to the nearest one-quarter of an hour.

First-time applicants who purchased an application package may apply a \$25 credit against their certification fees. Fees must be submitted in full with your application unless noted above. Complete and return the Submitted Producer's Fee form.

- Applicants who withdraw their application BEFORE an inspection has taken place will be remitted 50% (one half) of
  their certification fees, minus the application order fee. Once an inspection has taken place, applicants are not eligible for
  refunds of fees.
- New applicant's certification fees are based upon **projected** gross sales from certified fields, livestock and facilities.
- Annual update fees are based upon the previous year's actual gross sales from certified fields, livestock, and facilities.
   The Supervisor of the Organic Certification Program may request to see your most recent IRS 1040 Schedule F (Profit and Losses from Farming) or other proof of farm receipts.